

with a cautious approach. Let's start with letting the people in the individual communities decide whether the project proposed for their community is really going to benefit everybody or if it is really just going to benefit the developers. I think that is only fair. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I very strongly have to speak against the Beutler amendment. So far we have been very considerate toward you here on this floor. We have accepted the Fowler amendments. They were good amendments. I don't know whether Senator Beutler realizes it or not but if this amendment gets on there he kills the bill. That is as simple as that. Because if you think you can negotiate with bond people, securities people, and then actually think that well, they make an agreement and then later on said well we will have to wait until the people vote for it on that, you can just forget about the bill, and you can keep that ruin of that Cornhusker Hotel standing over there. It is nailed up shut already and the windows are broken and nothing is going to happen there. You won't get one penny for that if you put this amendment on the bill. You just cannot arrange financial arrangements like that with having a vote of the people in between. This country is founded with one principle. We have a democratic government which is a representative government, and once these people are elected they ought to have some decision making power, specifically when it gets on financial matters. Now if you don't like representative government then let's eliminate the Lincoln City Council, which by the way fully and unanimously supports this bill. There is no problem with the Council. They want this bill. They know that they need it in order to remove that ruin over there, and maybe we ought to remove our state senate too and just all start collecting under the linden tree again and have a vote on everything. There is just no way of putting a vote of the people in there. I might remind you that as another example of vote of the people what happened in neighboring Iowa on cable T.V. and Council Bluffs showed us the circus of people voting which company and what they voted on cable T.V. It was getting to the point of being outright ridiculous. As a consequence thereof we changed our laws giving that power to the elected city council, or to the county board. They can make their decisions. They are representative people. They are responsible people. They know what is involved in that. To throw an issue like that back to